



STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 2-15 are pending in the application.

REMARKS

In applicants' August 5, 1996 Amendment, applicants amended then-pending claims 1-14 by canceling claim 1, adding new claim 15, and, using the procedure under 37 C.F.R. §1.121(a), amending claims 2-11. However, as noted by the Examiner in the communication mailed November 15, 1996, the proposed amendments to claims 2-4, 5 (line 6), 6, 9 and 10 in the August 5 Amendment each required the addition of more than 5 words, and so should have been made under the 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b) procedure. Hence, the amendments to claims 2-4, 6, 9, 10 and line 6 of claim 5 were not entered. Applicants have now been given an opportunity to make these amendments in the correct form.

Accordingly, applicants request entry of the hereinabove amendments which will place the claims in the form intended by the August 5, 1996 Amendment. Applicants regret any inconvenience applicants' error may have caused the Examiner.

In view of this Supplemental Amendment, in combination with the August 5, 1996 Amendment, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to allow the claims at this time.

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